VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The production , the country during the years 1991-92 and and consumption of cotton and silk in 1992-93 are as under :

COTTON	(Qty. in lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each)	
	1991-92	1992-93
Production	119.00	122 to 124
Consumption	111.09	113
SILK	(In M. Tonnes)	
Production	11863	14465
Consumption	The entire quantity of silk produced in India was consumed in the country itself for the manufacture of silk textile products for domestic and export purposes.	

No specific targets for production of cotton and silk were fixed.

(b) The Government did not import cotton during the years in question. However, under the advance licensing scheme, the mills imported cotton during the year 1991-92 to the tune of 2.72 lakh bales with average rate of Rs. 44.75 per kg. The export of cotton during the year 1991-92 was to the tune of 0.77 lakh bales with average value realisation of Rs. 29.60 per kg. During the cotton year 1992-93, till 26-3-93, 4.46 lakh bales of cotton have been exported with average value realisation of 29.70 per kg. While there was no import of silk in 1991-92 a total quantity of 46.26 M. tonnes of raw silk valued at US $ 15.77 lakhs was imported during 1992-93 to stabilise abnormal high prices in the domestic market and ensure a steady supply to the actual users|Hand-l loom Weavers. In addition there were imports under the Advance Licensing Scheme for export production.

(c) and (d) Government's endeavour has been to promote export of value-added items. While releasing the cotton for export Government keeps in mind the factors like stabilisation of prices in the domestic market, provision of re-munerative prices to cotton growers and maintenence of India's presence in the international market as a stable supplier of cotton. However, no export of raw silk has been made.

Export Quota allotted for CCI and Cotton Federation of Maharashtra

1024. SHRI ViTHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the period of ten years to cotton monopoly procurement scheme of Maha rashtra;

(b) what is the export quota allotted for cotton bales separately for CCI and Cotton Federation of Maharashtra;

(c) what is the demand from other countries; and

(d) what is the share of India in cotton bales export and import from different parts of the World ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The. proposal of Maharashtra Government in under consideration of the Government

(b) The export quota of 7.27 lakh bales and 3.70 lakh bales has been allotted to CCI and cotton federation of Maharashtra respectively during the current cotton season so far.

(c) The global demand for imports has been projected at 5.84 million metric tonnes during the current cotton season.

(d) Share of India in International Cotton Trade during the year 1992-93 has been estimated at 6 to 7 per cent.

Package from Handloom Weavers

1025. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced a massive Rs. 1321.20 crore package of new schemes for the handloom weavers;

(b) if so, what is the compensation amount proposed to be given to weavers who are suffering losses recently in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa; and

(c) what is the left out balance for handloom development centres to be opened during the year 1993-94 as compared to amount spent for the Weavers Scheme etc. in 1992-93 for the weavers in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Government has announced recently a new Health Package Scheme. Ministry of Textiles has also taken up with Ministry of Rural Development for larger attention to hand-loom weavers from out of its ongoing Schemes.

(b) To assist handloom weavers affected by the recent communal riots, Government has announced a package for assistance for worksheds, supply of looms and accessories and margin money for working capital.

(c) During 1992-93 the following amounts have been sanctioned for assisting the handloom sector under plan and non-plan schemes to the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Orissa based on proposals received from the State Governments :—

(Rs. In lakhs)

Gujarat : 174.03 Orissa : 1115.98 Rajasthan : 177.10

Releases during 1993-94 will depend on the State Governments who are to submit viable proposals as per the approved norms.

Supply of Yarn under Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme

1026. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken to implement the Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme after the Supreme Court has upheld this scheme;

(b) what is the quantum of yarn necessary for handlooms in a year; and

(c) what quantum of the yarn requirements of handloom sector will be met by the supply of yarn under the Scheme of Statutory Hank Yarn Obligation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) After the recent Supreme Court judgement upholding the Hank Yarn Obligation Order, steps have been initiated for vacation] dismissal of Stay Orders and Writ Petitions pending in various High Courts.

(b) The requirement of Hank Yarn by the Handloom industry is at present estimated to be about 400 million Kgs per annum.